Assignment of Land to Messrs. Brooke Bond Tea Company.

169. **MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what progress they have made in the survey of the lands proposed to be assigned to an English Tea Company (Messrs. Brooke Bond Tea Company);

(*b*) the area of the tea-growing land hitherto found available and where it is situated;

(*c*) the rate of *taravila* which the company have offered to pay in case the lands are assigned to them; and

(*d*) whether the Government propose to place the question of this assignment for the consideration of this House before negotiations with the company are finally closed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The member is referred to the answer given to interpellation No. 168 asked by Mr. Kallur Narayana Pillai.

(*c*) The company have not made any offer.

(*d*) Yes.

MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): With reference to part (*a*), I am referred to the answer to question No. 168. I see no answer there. My question is what progress has been made.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The surveyors have not finished their work. It was asked in question No. 168 whether the survey was over, and the answer is given there.

MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): My question was what progress has been made.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Part (*a*) contains the answer. The surveyors started the work and are now engaged in it. The Government are not in a position to say what progress has been made. The surveyors are in the interior forests and the Government are not in communication with them about their progress.

MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): As regards part (c), the answer says that the company have not made any offer. Is there any understanding?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Absolutely nothing. The original application is all that was received.

Proposals re Assignment of lands to Messrs. Brooke Bond Tea Company.

170. **MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI** (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*):

(1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a special survey party has been deputed by the Government to survey lands to be registered in the name of Messrs. Brooke Bond Tea Company for the cultivation of tea in Travancore?

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